



SSA Cobb Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where will my child play?

A: Players practice and play at either *Marathon Soccer Park* located at 3598 Marathon Circle, Austell, GA 30106, or *Mud Creek* located at 5600 Ernest Barrett Parkway Marietta, GA 30064.

Q: When will my child play?

A: U4 practice and play for an hour on Saturday mornings. U6 practice once a week, and U8 and older age groups practice twice a week. Practice time and days are set in the younger age groups and are determined by the volunteer head coach for older age groups. Practice is conducted between 6:00pm and 9:00pm. Games are usually played on Saturdays unless rescheduled due to inclement weather.

Q: What equipment will my child need?

A: Your child will need a *soccer ball*, either a size 3, 4, or 5. U4, U6 and U8 use a size 3, U10 and U12 use a size 4, and U14 and older use a size 5. *Shin guards* must be worn for all practices and games, and socks must cover them completely. Shin guards with ankle protection are recommended, especially for younger children. For safety reasons, *molded soccer cleats* are mandatory for U8 and above players. For players U4 or U6, soccer cleats are strongly recommended, but tennis shoes are acceptable. No baseball, softball, or football cleats are allowed. It is also recommended that a *water bottle* be brought to practice and games for players to stay hydrated.

Q: What about uniforms?

A: Players are required to wear their uniforms to all games. Depending on what program your child is involved in; typical uniform consists of 2 jerseys, one pair of shorts, and one pair of socks. Players must wear their jersey, shorts, and socks to each game. Uniforms are used during the fall and spring seasons; therefore, new players joining a team at the start of the spring season will require new uniforms.

Q: Who are the coaches at the Recreational Program?

A: Recreational soccer programs in GA consist of volunteer parent coaches who possess a varying level of soccer knowledge and experience. That is why SSA is not only committed to developing the player, but the volunteer coach as well by being there to support all of the coaches every step of the way, and providing a fun and knowledgeable coaching environment to help them learn the game and develop their skills as a coach, in order to deliver fun and age-appropriate training to all of the players. SSA Cobb also has a Recreational Director to elevate the level of training provided to Recreational players through coaching assistance, age-appropriate curriculums and coaching education.

Q: What happens if my child gets hurt while playing?

A: Although every effort is made to ensure the playing environment is safe, injuries can still sometimes occur. All SSA Cobb soccer players and coaches are covered by secondary medical insurance once they are fully registered. This insurance is made available to the league through GYSA. This plan is supplemental in that it pays any remaining balance of a claim made through the individual's primary insurance provider.